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1. TEXT OF LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL A DELIVERED TO DR. MINASHIN SEPTEMBER 29.

2. EMBASSY FULLY AWARE OF DIFFICULTY DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCING IN OBTAINING NECESSARY INFORMATION ON DCL FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. WE THINK EMBASSY APPROACH TO MFA, HOWEVER, NOT NOW ADVISABLE FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, RESPONSIBILITY FOR DCL RESTS WITH MOC, NOT MFA, AND ATTEMPT TO BY-PASS MAY ONLY ENGENDER UNPRODUCTIVE BUREAUCRATIC FRICTIONS WITHIN SOVIET GOVERNMENT. SECOND, OVERTURE TO MFA MIGHT ALSO JEOPARDIZE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH NAEHER HAS DEVELOPED WITH MINASHIN AND SAVITSKIY.

3. EMBASSY REGARDS MINASHIN LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 16, REFTEL B, AS POSSIBLE SIGN MORE FORTHCOMING APPROACH. IF RESPONSE TO NAEHER LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 29, REFTEL A, IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD, SAY 2 WEEKS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS NAEHER SEND US FOR SAVITSKIY CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION OUTLINING NATURE OF PROBLEMS AND DESIRED ACTION. LACK OF RESPONSE WOULD THEN NECESSITATE EMBASSY REPRESENTATION,
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PERHAPS INCLUDING MFA.

4. TO DATE MOC HAS NOT RESPONDED TO SUGGESTING OF MEETING WITH SAVITSKIY CONVEYED IN NAEHER LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL C, ALTHOUGH SAVITSKIY COMMENTED UPON RECEIPT OF LETTER THAT MEETING LATER THIS YEAR MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. HE WAS PRESUMABLY ALLUDING TO POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY BREZHNEV, ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHOSE COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT TAKE HIM TO WASHINGTON. IF NOTHING MORE DEFINITE DEVELOPS WITHIN NEAR FUTURE, NAEHER MAY WISH EMBASSY TO BROACH POSSIBILITY OF TRIP TO MOSCOW FOR PURPOSE OF SORTING OUT DCL ARRANGEMENTS.
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